

Jitloff hangs on for win in GS at Squaw

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SQUAW VALLEY – Tim Jitloff (Reno) brought a crowd of thousands to a roaring crescendo Friday with another masterful performance in Squaw Valley to win his second consecutive Nature Valley U.S. Alpine Championships giant slalom title.

The Olympian, who grew up nearby and raced as a young athlete at the 1960 Olympic resort, captured his second victory in three days at Squaw with a 1.61 margin of victory over Brennan Rubie (Salt Lake City). Fellow Olympian Jared Goldberg (Holladay, Utah) was third, as Olympic gold medalist Ted Ligety (Park City) did not finish the final run.

“It was sketchy in there for a second, but I kept it solid, I kept it safe. When I got down at the bottom here I did charge to make sure I got in there,” Jitloff said. “I just put down two good ones today, two solid ones. I didn’t do anything over the top. Yeah, it was a good day.”